

March 5, 1968

Mrs. Eva Denov
Legislative Assistant to
The Honorable Peter W. Rodino, Jr.
House of Representatives
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Eva:

As discussed, here is the information about the first RFE employee to become a U.S. citizen as a result of the McCandless Bill:

His name is Kazimierz Wierzbianski. He has been stateless since July 1945, when recognition of the Polish Government in Exile in London was withdrawn. Actually, this is the first time in almost twenty-three years that Mr. Wierzbianski has a country that he can call "home."

Mr. Wierzbianski was born in Poland on April 13, 1904. He studied law at the University of Cracow. He entered the Polish Diplomatic Service in 1925, starting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Warsaw. He served for a number of years as the Press Attaché of the Polish Legation in Freiburg. In June 1939, he returned to Warsaw as Counselor of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in charge of press relations.

When war started in Europe in September 1939, Mr. Wierzbianski was evacuated with the Polish Government to Rumania. He continued to serve as a press officer with the government in Bucharest and then in Istanbul. In 1941, he arrived in Palestine, serving in the Polish Army. He was discharged in 1942 and remained in Palestine as the editor of a Polish language daily in Jerusalem. In March 1943, he returned to government service as Press Attaché with the Polish Legation in Cairo. After two years, he was transferred to London in March 1945 to serve in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Polish Government in Exile.

As mentioned earlier, when recognition of the Exile Government was withdrawn, Mr. Wierzbianski refused to return to Communist-controlled Poland. Instead, he worked at various jobs, including two years with the Interim Committee for Polish Questions, which was liquidating free Polish affairs in the West.

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On April 10, 1962, he joined Radio Free Europe in Munich as a Polish newswriter. He is now News Chief of the Polish Broadcasting Department of RFE in Munich. He is married and has no children.

I hope this will meet your needs, Eva, but do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

As to the matter of the pen used to sign the Bill, I am sure we can work something out to take care of both of our interests in the very near future.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of the release that you send out.

Sincerely,

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